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SUBJECT: SA GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

1. FINAL RESULTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TONIGHT, APRIL 25, OR TOMORROW. HOWEVER, NATIONAL PARTY CERTAIN TO ADD A FEW SEATS TO 118 TOTAL IT HAD IN LAST SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. PROG'S FINALS RESULT WILL REMAIN AT SIX SEATS AND UP WILLLOSE SEVERAL SEATS.

2. BREAKDOWN OF ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL. IN MEANTIME, DEPARTMENT MAY FIND FOLLOWING OF INTEREST:

A. PROG WINNERS IN TRANSVAAAL ARE HELEN SUZMAN, RENE DE VILLIERS (DEFEATED UP INCUMBENT SONNY EMDIN), RUPERT LORIMER (DEFEATED UP INCUMBENT ETIENNE MALAN), GORDON WADDELL (DEFEATED UP INCUMBENT DAVE MARAIS). IN CAPE , PROG LEADER COLIN EGLIN WON NARROW (839-VOTE) VICTORY OVER DAVID GRAAFF, AND PROFESSOR F. VAN ZYL SLABBERT DEFEATED BRIAN BAMFORD (FORMER MPC FOR WYNBERG) BY HEFTY 1568-VOTE MARGIN.

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B. NATIONALIST B.J. DU PLESSIS TOOK FLORIDA CONSTITUENCY

AWAY FROM UP'S MARTIN STEVENS. ANOTHER YOUNG UP MP WHO LOST HIS SEAT WAS ANDRE FOURIE. FOURIE WAS DEFEATED IN TURFFONTEIN BY HIS FORMER MENTOR IN JP, MARAIS STEYN, WHO DEFECTED TO NP LAST YEAR.

C. UP REFORMISTS HARRY SCHWARZ, DAVE DALLING WON EASILY IN SAFE SEATS, DICK VAN ENTHOVEN WON IN RANDBURG BY 835 VOTES, AND HORACE VAN RENSBURG WAS UNOPPOSED IN BRYANSTON. TWO OTHER PROMINENT UP VERLIGTES WHO WON WERE JAPIE BASSON (UNOPPOSED) AND PROFESSOR NIC OLIVIER, WHO HAD EASY VICTORY IN EDENVALE.

D. NATIONAL PARTY MAINTAINED COMPLETE CONTROL OF PRETORIA'S 13 SEATS, WINNING RELATIVELY LARGE MAJORITIES EVEN IN CONSTITUENCIES WHICH WERE CONSIDERED MARGINAL.

D. NATAL'S ONLY VERLIGTE UP MP, ERIK WINCHESTER, LOST BY 20 VOTES (5524 TO 5504) TO NP'S P.T. CRONJE. RESULTS OF CLOSE CONTEST IN ESHOWE, WHERE UP LEADER RADCLYFFE CADMAN FIGHTING TO RETAIN A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT, NOT YET KNOWN.

F. NATIONAL PARTY SUFFERED NO UPSETS, AS ITS INCUMBENTS WERE ALL RETURNED, ALMOST ALL WITH SOLID MAJORITIES.
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